REMARKS

Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. stand rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being as being unpatentable over Takeuchi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,321,260). Claims 1-4 are pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims, as amended, are patentable for at least the following reasons.

Claim 1 recites "determining, after receiving two or more data packets, in the first part or interface, the number of data packets being transmitted in a predetermined time..." Independent claim 3 recites similar limitations.

Takeuchi fails to teach show or imply at least the limitations of determining, after receiving two or more data packets, in the first part or interface, the number of data packets being transmitted in a predetermined time..." as recited in amended independent claim 1.

The Final Office Action points to col. 15, lines 26-64 to show these limitations. Applicants respectfully notes that col. 15, lines 26-64 refers "the sending control module" that is used for data transfer only after a control message is used to determine the packet size, transfer rate, etc... Moreover, this control message is sent BEFORE the information processor starts the data transfer, see col. 3, line 64 through col. 4 line 14. This is clearly indicated in the data communication method of Takeuchi, before starting to transfer continuous media data to the receiver node (102), the sender node (101) sends the control message...see col. 5, lines 42-51.

Further, col. 15, lines 40-64, teaches the establishment of the logical connection prior to transfer of continuous media data. This logical connection is control information and is used to set various parameters, thus, it does not teach the limitation of "determining, after receiving two or more data packets..." as recited in amended claim 1.

For at least the above cited reasons, Applicant submits that independent claims 1 and 3 are patentable over Takeuchi.

The other claims in this application are dependent upon the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed patentable once the independent claims are allowed.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The applicants have made a sincere attempt to advance the prosecution of this application by reducing the issues for consideration and specifically delineating the zone of patentablity. The applicants submit that the claims, as they now stand, fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 103.

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In view of the amendments and foregoing remarks, favorable reconsideration, entry of this amendment and early passage to issue of the present application are respectfully solicited.

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